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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM PRINCE FRANZ JOSEF II OF
LIECHTENSTEIN

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PRINCE FRANZ JOSEF II:
BEGIN TEXT" THE AMERICAN NATION CELEBRATES ON JULY 4, 1976
THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE THAT LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

"COUNTLESS MANIFESTATIONS OF GOODWILL, ADMIRATION AND
FRIENDSHIP HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADDRESSED TO YOU AND TO YOUR
COUNTRY FROM MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD SINCE THE BEGINNING
OF THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR. THEY ALL BEAR WITNESS TO THE
HIGH SIGNIFICANCE UNIVERSALLY ATTACHED TO THIS HISTORICAL
COMMEMORATION.

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"THE PEOPLE OF LIECHTENSTEIN ALSO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES

GLADLY AND WITH STRONG FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP AND CORDIALITY WITH THE FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS SOLEMNISING AN EVENT WHICH IN THE ENSUING YEARS AND DECADES CAME TO INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF WORLD HISTORY TO A VERY CONSIDERABLE EXTENT.

"THE BEGINNING OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO WAS THE POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR A HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE COURSE OF WHICH A STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO IDEALISTIC CONVICTIONS CONTRIBUTED CONSIDERABLY TO THE PROMOTION OF FREEDOM AND EQUALITY AMONGST ALL MEN AND ALL PEOPLES.

"IT IS THE SINCERE WISH OF MYSELF AND OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF LIECHTENSTEIN THAT GOD BESTOW ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HIS PROTECTION AND BLESSING IN THE FUTURE AND THAT THEY MAY ALWAYS HAVE THE STRENGTH TO STAND UP FOR THE IDEALS BEQUEATHED TO THEM BY THEIR FOUNDING FATHERS"
END TEXT

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO PRINCE FRANZ JOSEF II:

BEGIN TEXT HIS SERENE HIGHNESS PRINCE FRANZ JOSEF II, THE PRINCE OF LIECHTENSTEIN, VADUZ. DEAR PRINCE FRANZ JOSEF: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

"AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH.
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.
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